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Sir:

In reply to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action dated November 24, 2004, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely. No fee is due. But should this reply require a fee, such as for any claim surcharge and extension(s) of time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.